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POLICE REPORTS

Resident arrested for rape

Pauline Kennedy | COLLEGIAN

A Manhattan man was arrested for an alleged rape that happened in September 2009, according to a report from the Riley County Police Department.

Phillip Wallace, 39, of 436 Butterfield Road was arrested on a warrant from the RCPD on March 26. He was charged with one count of rape and one count of aggravated criminal sodomy.

His bail is set at \$100,000.

UPDATE ON THE DARA'S ROBBERY CASE

The three suspects arrested last Thursday in the Dara's Fast Lane robbery case were allegedly planning other robberies as well, according to a report from the RCPD.

After further investigation, Lt. Richard Fink of the RCPD said Brandon Santana, Randy McBride and Anthony Layton, who are still confined after being charged with aggravated robbery, are suspected of also stopping at the Arby's located at 326 Southwind Plaza and Sonic at 800 N. Third Street.

Fink said they allegedly arrived at Arby's, but after assessing the situation decided not to go through with the robbery. The same happened at Sonic. He also said customers and workers at both location were unaware of the attempted robbery.

SEVERAL CARS DAMAGED OVER THE WEEK-END

Several cars parked next to each other were damaged after they were hit with bricks early Sunday morning, according to a report from the RCPD.

One vehicle damaged was a black GMC Denali belonging to Dara Colgan of Roe-land Park, Kan. The car was parked at the 700 block of Eighth Street at the time of the incident. Apparently a brick was used to break the windows of the car, which also caused scratches and dents to the vehicle. Items from the car were then taken. The damage was valued at \$1,500.

Also parked at the same location was a Silver Olds Alero belonging to Sam Kollarik of Overland Park, Kan. The rear driver's side window of the car was broken along with scratches and dents. Damage to the car was valued at \$3,500.

Richard Vosberg, a witness on the scene, said he saw a white male with dark hair, a brown hoodie and dark jeans leaving the scene.

Also reported damaged was a 2008 Toyota Tacoma, belonging to Joseph Fangman of 1632 McCain Lane. Sometime between 11:55 Saturday night and 7:30 Sunday morning, the rear panel of the driver's side rear panel was kicked in along with the driver and passenger side door skins. Damages to the vehicle were estimated at \$5,000.

Another car damaged over the weekend was a 1997 Silver RAV 4, belonging to Rachel Rutter. The damage was reported to have taken place between 11:15 p.m. on Saturday and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday in the south alley of 613 Moro St.

A rock was used to damage the the passenger side windows, and damages to the vehicle were valued at \$2,400.

Controversial Care

Critics cite costs, personal liberty

Austin Enns | COLLEGIAN

Health care reform has dominated the nation's attention in recent weeks because of votes taken on the health care reform bill by the different chambers of Congress. On March 21, the House of Representatives passed the landmark bill 219-212; the Senate followed the House's example and passed a similar bill under Senate reconciliation rules that limited debate and eliminated filibusters.

This overhaul of health care goes into effect in two stages. The first stage is supposed to be completed by Oct. 1, and the second stage is not going to start being enforced until 2014. Mary Beth Chambers, manager of corporate communications at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas, said most of the effects of the bill in the first stage will not apply to customers until their plan's anniversary date after Oct. 1.

Joseph Aistrup, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said after the next six months it will be against the law to turn away children with preexisting conditions and insurance companies will be unable to reject or cancel coverage for customers who get sick. Also, dependents can now stay on their parents' insurance until they are 26. Under the old laws, children could typically stay on their parents' insurance until they were 19. If they were students, the age of coverage usually went up to 23 years old.

Lifetime limits on coverage that insurers currently impose will be eliminated. Chambers said most of the insurance plans at Blue Cross have a lifetime limit of \$5 million.

The second stage of coverage, which is more drastic, is taking effect in 2014. One of the major planks of the bill that will be enforced at that time will be mandatory participation for most Americans. Citizens who refuse to get coverage will be fined and ex-

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emptions will only be granted to those in extreme poverty, with religious beliefs that conflict with the bill or for several other extraordinary cases. Aistrup said any employer with over 50 employees would be required to provide health insurance for its employees or face a fine.

In order to help pay for the bill, the federal government will tax individuals who make over \$200,000 a year and couples who make over \$250,000 a year. Also, high-end insurance plans, or Cadillac plans, will garner a 40 percent tax for the insurance companies. The plan is expected to save the nation more than \$140 billion during the first ten years.

illustration by Erin Logan

Ray Merrick, majority leader in the Kansas House of Representatives, disputed this fact by pointing out that Massachusetts has an expensive health care system similar to the one created in the new health care reform bill. Their health care system is "breaking the state of Massachusetts and it's nothing like it was sold to be," Merrick said.

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Chambers said Blue Cross sees many changes stemming from the passage of the health care reform bill. For example, the computers will need to be updated; 78 percent of claims that come through their system have no human intervention and are dealt with entirely by the computers. Also, marketing will change because the majority of people in Kansas have coverage through an

employer group and Chambers said

Blue Cross is predicting that more people will start looking for coverage on an individual level. As a result, they are rethinking their marketing strategies, which are currently focused on employer groups.

Last week, the Kansas House of Representatives voted on a Health Care Freedom Act that would exempt Kansas from the health care legislation. It failed by eight votes. If the resolution had passed the Kansas House and Senate with a supermajority, it would have been sent to the people as a referendum to determine whether they want to be exempt from the health care reform legislation.

Arlen Siegfried, speaker pro tem in the House of Representatives, said the Kansas Legislature could potentially pass a resolution directing the Attorney General to file suit against the federal government.

"We really believe the Kansas Legislature needs to take action to defend our liberty," Siegfried said.

Professor: trophy theft appears to be 'personal'

Karen Ingram | COLLEGIAN

Two trophies were stolen from a trophy case in Nichols Hall over Spring Break. The stolen trophies included Jessy Ohl's 2008 National Championship trophy, and the 2008 forensics team trophy.

Charles J. G. Griffin, associate professor in communication studies, theater and dance, said the trophies are typically returned to the winners after being displayed in the case for a few years.

No other trophies were taken and the case was undamaged, which makes the crime appear to be "personal," according to Griffin. Information regarding the whereabouts of the missing property may be directed to the K-State Police Department at (785)532-6412.



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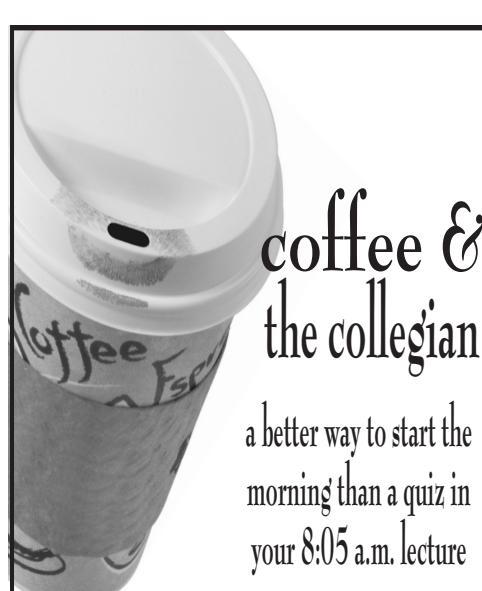
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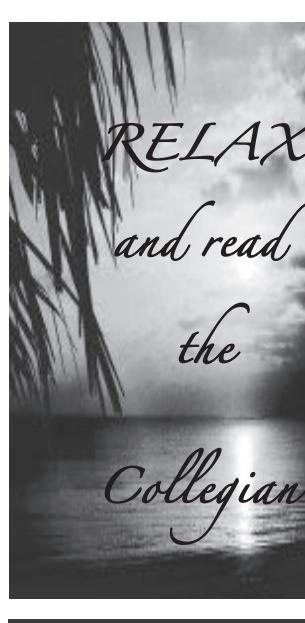
The Manhattan City Commission will not be holding a meeting this week.

Mayor Bob Strawn said the commission holds regular meetings every fifth week of the month on Tuesday, which means the next meeting is planned for April 6.

Topics to be discussed in the next meeting will be announced on Monday.

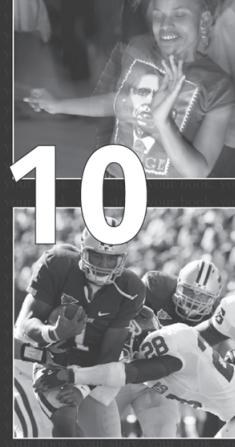
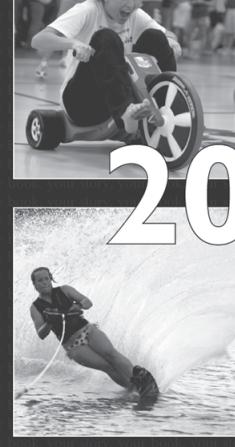
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Police seek help locating vehicle

Staff Report | COLLEGIAN

The Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office and the Wamego Police Department seek public help locating a late 90s dark green Chevy Astro van possibly bearing Shawnee County tags, according to a K-State Media Relations news release.

The vehicle is believed to have been occupied by five or six Hispanic males involved in several check forgeries in the Manhattan and Wamego area on Friday between 4 to 5 p.m., according to the release.

The checks were stolen in a business burglary earlier last week and were used

for damages in excess of \$9,000, according to the release.

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Republicans must hold to principles, resist



Joshua Madden

If you can hear the Republicans talking over the chest-thumping of the Democrats in Congress, you will discover they are having an internal debate about whether to allow the Democrats to take their victory or run with it. Now the Democrats feel they have won. In some respects, they have.

Despite heavy opposition to the health care bill, President Barack Obama was able to sign it into law. Republicans are now in a tough position because of the fear-mongering about how the health care bill will kill Grandma. For this, Sarah Palin is largely to blame. The death panels she so railed against were never really in the bill.

That having been said, there is still plenty of negative stuff in the bill that is now law. Despite what some might say, the Republicans must bring these things to light. Republicans would be wise to take note that backing down is exactly what their most vocal opponents, like Ed Schultz on MSNBC, have been saying they should do. A Republican party that takes its cues from Schultz is not much of a Republican party, let alone the much needed opposition to Nancy Pelosi.

They should be principled in their opposition. Principles don't change after a filibuster fails. Backing off is a horrible idea. Even the least politically active among us should be able to acknowledge suddenly accepting a government takeover of health care would make Republicans look weak.

When Republicans stand for something, they win elections. Reagan was principled



Illustration by Hannah Loftus

enough and it worked well for him.

When Republicans drop their values, they lose. When they spend money like Democrats, they lose. Don't believe me? The year 2006 just called and reminded me of the stomping Republicans received in that election.

If Republicans want to take back Congress, they need to have the courage necessary to criticize an awful health care fiasco. That's not even too much courage; public opinion is on their side.

Democrats have pushed

this through despite what most people wanted. For Congressional Republicans, this is the test of their lives. Will they represent the people or ignore them? Democrats have already made their decision; Republicans would be wise not to follow their lead.

History is on the Republicans' side. The public is on their side. All of the evidence is on their side. Democrats are trying to make Republicans forget these things. Just because something has become law does not make it right.

Our country's legislative history is a patchwork of good and bad decisions, good and bad laws. Republicans have a decision to make. Will they accept this health care reform has a permanent place in that patchwork or will they work to cut it out? If Republicans decide not to try and cut it out, the only thing that will get cut out is them. Voters will start cutting them out one by one in November.

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Hang up, shut the phone

Most people reading this paper don't do anything more dangerous than driving their car or truck. It is a vehicle that usually weighs between 3,000 and 5,000 pounds, and is capable, in most cases, of speeds greater than 100 mph. Collisions with another vehicle or someone outside of a vehicle can kill at almost any speed.

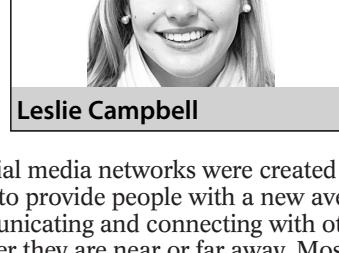
So why do so few people respect driving? Respect for driving includes not only paying attention to the road, surrounding vehicles and pedestrian traffic, but also avoiding distractions in the car. Many things have the potential to distract a person's attention from driving, from a pretty sunset to looking for that CD you're in the mood for.

However, the most common and dangerous distraction today is the cell phone. Although it is common to pay lip service to the cell phone driving hazards, too many people fail to understand the seriousness of this problem. No matter how much attention you think you're paying to the road and traffic, studies show texting on a cell phone is as dangerous as driving drunk. The American Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, Car and Driver magazine, Science Daily and the Australian Insurance Institute for Highway Driving have independently run experiments proving that talking and texting are equally or even more dangerous than drunk driving.

So why do so many people continue to do it so frequently? What legitimate excuse is there for neglecting the most dangerous activity of the day? Do people really think they have to read that text message right now? Unless they are ready to gamble with their lives and the lives of surrounding drivers and pedestrians, common sense demands pulling over onto the shoulder or parking somewhere safe while checking it out. If the call must be returned, pull over and park.

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Social Networking not immune to mayhem



Leslie Campbell

Social media networks were created with the intent to provide people with a new avenue of communicating and connecting with others, whether they are near or far away. Most of the time, the true impact these sites have had on our society is overlooked, but besides the obvious benefits of Facebook.com and Twitter.com, there are both positives and negatives to the new wave of online communication.

How much is too much communication?

The co-founder of Twitter, Evan Williams, believes his site has a direct positive effect on areas with censorship and a lack of freedom of speech. "Our goal at Twitter is to be a force for good," he said in an interview with BBC on March 15.

The idea behind the site is that an open exchange of information and ideas will ultimately make the world a better and more open place.

With government officials and celebrities alike signing onto Twitter, it is easier than ever to track notable figures in their daily lives. Unlike Facebook.com, "stalking," reading tweets gives reader an insight into whomever they are following, their thoughts and viewpoints. The level of intimacy we are allowed makes us feel better informed and more involved in the actions of our government and the impact we have on its process.

The importance of social networking sites to the chronically ill is another major benefit and perk of these online communities. Most who use these sites find comfort, hope and even answers in the online networks they belong to. The New York Times ran a piece highlighting the vital nature of social networking to people suffering from diseases such as multiple sclerosis and Lyme disease. The Internet has become the new "support group" and it is especially useful for those who are bedridden.

A danger to this sort of communication is the possibility of false information that might be shared among patients with serious illnesses.

Even Web sites with the best intentions eventually suffer from negative misuse of their services and a major example of this is the emerging problem of flash mobs.

Flash mobs are becoming common due to the widespread use of social networking Web sites. The concept is simple; teenagers communicate

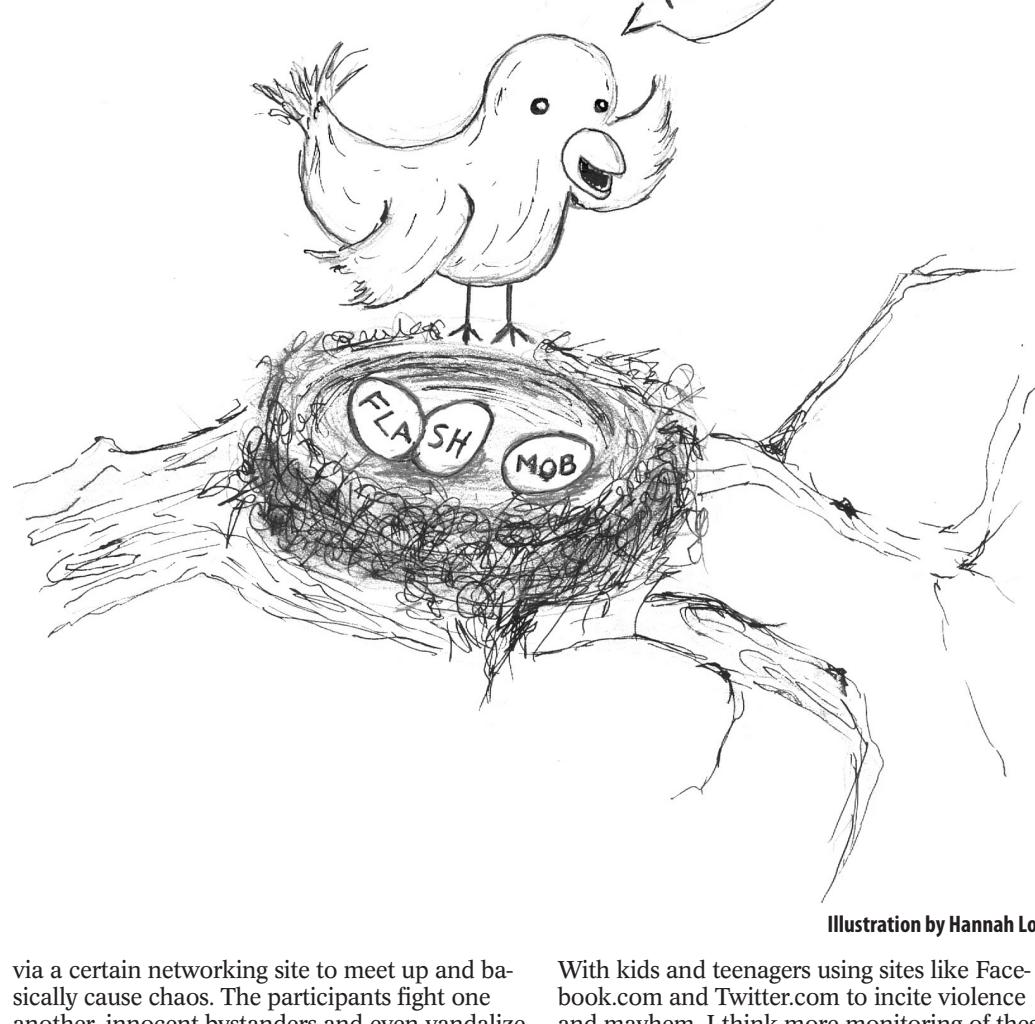


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via a certain networking site to meet up and basically cause chaos. The participants fight one another, innocent bystanders and even vandalize property in the area. Usually these mob scenes take place in cities or places like shopping malls where it is easy to gather large amounts of participants. The problem of flash mobs is not just due to social networking, but also due to less after school-programming available to youths.

Social networking is becoming a way for kids to interact and entertain themselves during their down time and it is definitely not as innocent an activity as it seems. With more kids and teens turning to their computers for entertainment, problems are bound to occur.

Social networking, when used correctly, is a great way for friends to stay connected, news to be shared and connections to be made. Like most things in life, there is a dark side as well.

With kids and teenagers using sites like Facebook.com and Twitter.com to incite violence and mayhem, I think more monitoring of these sites needs to be enforced to protect from these outbreaks. Measures to crack down on youth violence are not completely up to the government, though, and parents need to take a proactive role by monitoring their children's activity and updates on social networking sites.

Trends and technology are always evolving and changing the landscape of our society. Social networking has had a huge positive impact on the way we communicate in our daily lives, but it is no surprise it has negatively affected our society in some aspects, and the power to control these misuses is up to us.

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Just Like Dad Told You

Caring for ride creates less headache for drivers



Aaron Weiser

Vehicle maintenance is not an especially difficult task. For the sophisticated college student, it should be both simple and routine. But surprisingly enough, there are a number of adults who have no idea how their car works, how to take care of it properly or even what to look for as an indicator of trouble.

To eradicate the unnecessary spending of pocket money and calm the nerves of the unsteady masses, there are a number of preventive measures and simple routines to keep cars on the road and out of the shop.

First and foremost, learn about the vehicle. Service manuals are provided with every single automobile produced and alarmingly, most never leave the glove box. A complete and comprehensive guide created by the makers of each vehicle, the service manual provides a maintenance schedule outline and a guide to properly performing these measures on each car or truck.

Although there are different needs specific to each vehicle, a very common schedule will keep even the clumsiest car owners satisfied and cruising smoothly.

Basic fluids are the key to keeping vehicles on the road forever. Knowing where to look and how to fill a vehicle with oil, transmission fluid, power steering fluid and coolant will be the single best skill for keeping your beauty humming.

There is much debate about the proper distance between oil changes. It varies widely from engine to engine and each car manufacturer will give a specified interval in the service manual. Quick lube shops and factory mechanics will push for a change every 3,000 miles, but, according to Edmunds.com and Cars.com, that might be about twice as often as necessary. Unless the engine is older, burns oil or carries a large load like a work truck, they suggest a change at the 5,000-mile mark. Over the course of 30,000 miles, this will cut out about four changes, saving the average driver between \$120 and \$180.

Now, between oil changes, it is extremely important to check the vehicle's fluid levels every few hundred miles. Maintaining the proper levels allows the vehicle to run efficiently and not overheat, preventing terrible headache and stress.

Engine coolant, transmission fluid, power steering fluid and brake fluid levels should be checked before long trips and at least every couple weeks. Any changes in the way a car operates could be directly related to these few fluids. Obnoxious sounds when turning the wheel, a burnt smell coming from under the hood, a general whine when driving or a brake pedal that must be mashed to the floor to stop: a simple top-off of new fluid could do the trick.

That is not to say you won't encounter severe mechanical distress over time, but it will happen less often when the vehicle is properly cared for.

What is the second largest problem facing the general driver extraordinaire? Stop ignoring the tires. Even if they aren't flat, they still demand attention. Tires get the short end of the stick as car maintenance has become easier

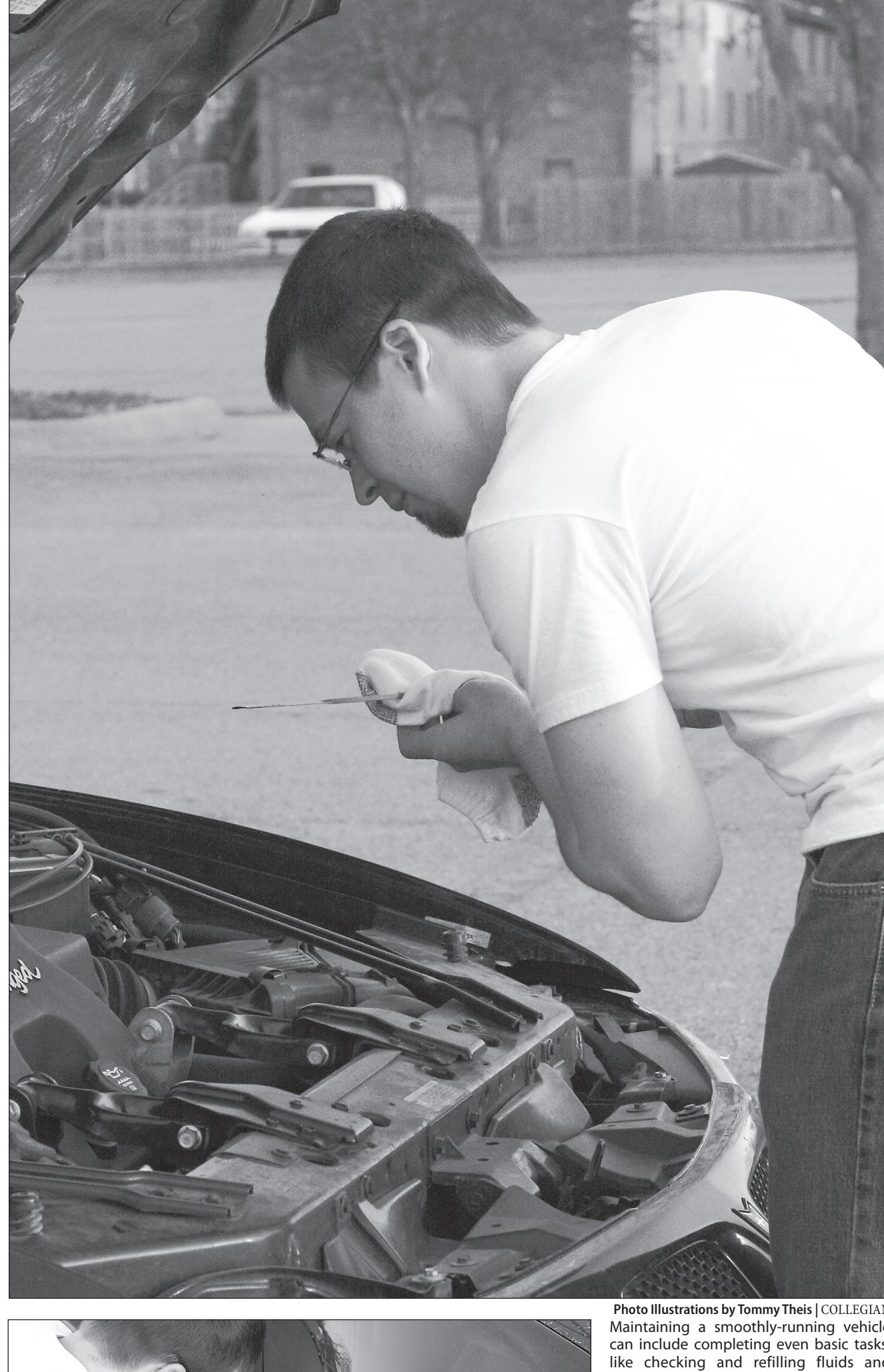


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Maintaining a smoothly-running vehicle can include completing even basic tasks, like checking and refilling fluids and keeping correct tire pressure, on a regular basis.



over time, but they need as much time and care.

The majority of errors result from not understanding how much pressure to keep in the vehicle's tires. Check the service manual and on newer cars, check the label on the doorjamb itself as the government has required it be better labeled for the consumer.

The maximum rating people read on their tire is not the proper pressure,

but simply a maximum for any wheel on any car. According to Cars.com this number is dramatically different from where your pressure should be generally and can harm your car more than help it. Also, an under-inflated tire of just 6 psi can drop fuel economy by 5 percent, which in an efficient car represents entire miles per gallon.

Besides knowing how to maintain a car or truck, it is important to have

a general idea of what to look out for. Puddles when parked are a good sign of a leak. Being familiar with the fluids will help identify what is on the ground and what to tell the mechanic at the shop.

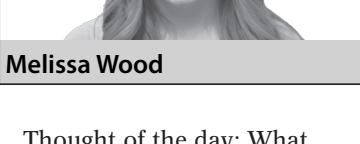
A car with the shakes probably needs some tire work. Keeping tires balanced and rotated properly will help cut down on these problems and improve the life of the tires themselves.

Having to refill fluids too often is a sign of trouble. Discoloration of the fluid and a general burning smell are signs that either the engine or the transmission is overheating; also keeping an eye on the temperature gauge inside the vehicle will help avoid this problem.

These techniques will go a long way in stretching your dollar and your car's lifetime, but a short guide in a college newspaper cannot replace your vehicle's service manual. A running car is worth the work.

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Warming up prevents injuries, helps workout effectiveness



Melissa Wood

Thought of the day: What is something people do wrong when starting a workout?

Some forget their ID cards when heading to Peters Recreation Complex. A few forget to avoid a huge meal before being physically active. But all too

many forget the importance of a good warm-up before their exercise regimen. Not only does this bad habit increase the risk of injuring oneself during a workout, it can actually take away from a workout's full potential.

A gradual warm-up that only takes five to 10 minutes offers a multitude of benefits, no matter what the following workout. Warming up allows the muscle and blood temperatures to rise gradually, allowing the body to burn calories more efficiently and muscles to have a greater range of motion. This increased flexibility plays a major role in preventing injuries.

Warming up can also make a workout more effective. Muscles reach their full potential for speed and strength when the amount of oxygen and blood being delivered to them increases slowly rather than drastically. Without getting too scientific, the body's different modes of energy use during exercise perform better when they have time to adjust to the body working harder. A person can lift more, jump higher and move faster with a warm-up.

Taking the time to ease into a workout can also prepare you mentally for your exercises. It allows you to transition from

whatever else has been going on that day to what you are doing in the time set aside for physical activity. Say you did poorly on a test and are upset about it as you start to exercise. The warm-up period can help you channel that negative energy into motivation, allowing you to push yourself harder in your workout. You end up less stressed and not injured, both positive results.

So what should a warm-up consist of? Typically a combination of gradual aerobic exercise (easier than what will be in your workout) and some stretching is included. However, many studies have shown there is no spe-

cific warm-up that is most effective. No matter what the activity is, warming up is correlated with improved performance.

To put it simply, what you are doing during your warm up is not as important as the fact that you are warming up. Briskly walk for five minutes before a jog or hop on an elliptical for 10 minutes before lifting weights.

Something that will get your blood moving and your mind ready for a workout will always do the trick.

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Clemente difficult to replace



Grant Guggisberg

Now that the K-State men's basketball season is over, the avid K-State sports fan is faced with three options.

Some will focus immediately on spring football, analyzing every word that comes out of Bill Snyder's mouth and staring blankly at the roster, trying to mentally put together a two-deep depth chart. These fans are undoubtedly looking toward the Spring Game to get their first glimpse of the Wildcat football team.

Others will head to Tointon Family Stadium to watch the K-State baseball team try and build upon another great start to the season. The Wildcats have already amassed a 19-3 record and are a perfect 3-0 in conference play for the first time in the Big 12 era. These fans will sing "Take me out to the ball game" in the middle of the seventh inning and will probably sing along to a pre-recorded rendition of the K-State fight song as well.

The final group of sports fans will do what they've done the last few years in mid-March: look at the K-State men's basketball roster and figure out what next season's team will look like. These fans scour the message boards for recruiting tidbits and are all wondering the same thing right now, namely, who will replace the scoring and leadership hole left by graduating senior point guard Denis Clemente?

One logical choice to replace Clemente at point guard is Jacob Pullen. The junior started his career as a point guard, finding minutes in a reserve role as a freshman. He could move back to that position and ultimately find success. However, it's worth noting that Pullen emerged as a true scorer and defensive force at the shooting guard position, not the point. While he is capable of running the offense, many times freshman Martavious Irving would come in and run the point in Clemente's place, not Pullen.

Another option up front would be Irving, who emerged as the first guard off the bench because of his defensive capabilities. While he isn't perfect - it was always easy to hear Coach Martin yelling his name after a mistake - he has room for improvement and wouldn't miss a step defensively, which Martin values more than scoring. Also in the mix are freshmen Nick Russell and Rodney McGruder. Russell is a true point guard and has played there sparingly all season. McGruder is more of a wing player and would likely see time at the shooting guard position if Pullen moved over to the point.

The final, and I believe most likely, option is to utilize K-State's final scholarship on a junior college player who could come in and contribute immediately. Nothing against Irving or Russell, but they might not have seen enough minutes this season to jump into a starting role next season as sophomores. A juco transfer would have two years of playing experience and would be more used to the rigorous style that Martin demands.

Perhaps the best aspect of this season's Elite Eight appearance is the possibility that next year's team - barring a Jacob Pullen NBA-draft nightmare - could be even better than this squad. However, replacing the point guard on a team is never easy and Clemente's replacement will have big shoes to fill.

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Grand Sweep

Baseball perfect versus OSU, looks to WSU

Blake Thorson | COLLEGIAN

The young K-State baseball team seemed unfazed by the start of Big 12 play as they recorded the first opening-series conference sweep in school history this past weekend. Now K-State fans will see how they handle in-state rival and perennial baseball power Wichita State.

The Cats head into the game with the Shockers this evening at Tointon Family Stadium with a fair amount of momentum as they finish off a 13-game homestand, having won 11 of 12 thus far. K-State carries a 19-3 record into the contest and has won 17 of its last 19 games overall.

Coach Brad Hill and his team have also climbed into the national Top 25 for the second time this season, as they rank No. 20 in the Collegiate Baseball poll and also come in No. 21 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Top 25.

Hill remains focused on the task at hand as he remembers earlier this season when the Wildcats reached the top 25 only to have that ranking vanish a week later after a mid-week loss to Creighton.

"That lasted one day last time so I'm not really worried about that too much," Hill said. "We're looking at Wichita and then on to Texas Tech."

There is reason to believe the Wildcats may be in the top 25 to stay as they boast impressive numbers so far on the year. K-State currently ranks in the top 25 nationally in seven different categories, including leading the NCAA in fewest walks per nine innings at 1.82.

K-State also ranks in the top five in the Big 12 in team pitching, batting and fielding as they carry a team-ERA of 3.79, a team batting average of .340 and a fielding percentage of .977.

The Cats are particularly dynamic at the plate and on the base paths, as they rank second in batting average, first in on-base percentage and first in stolen bases in the conference.

Balance is the key at the plate, as eight of the nine ev-



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN
Then-freshman outfielder Nick Martini connects with a pitch during the Wildcat's game against Niagara Mar. 8, 2009. This season Martini has batted consistently from the three spot in the lineup.

eryday-position players carry an average over .300 into tonight's game.

Leading the charge has been junior shortstop Carter Jurica, who leads the Big 12 in runs and is tied for the lead in RBIs. Sophomore center fielder Nick Martini has also provided outstanding consistency out of the three spot in the lineup as he carries a 19-game hitting streak into tonight's ball game which is the fourth-longest in

school history.

The Shockers (14-7) are also ranked in a national baseball poll as they come in 30th in the Collegiate Baseball poll. They completed a three-game sweep over conference foe Bradley on Sunday with a dramatic walk-off grand slam to claim a 5-1 win in extra innings.

K-State will send sophomore Justin Lindsey (2-0) to the mound tonight. Lindsey

comes in with a 3.00 ERA in five appearances, including two starts. In his last start, Lindsey tossed a complete-game shutout to pick up the win against Kent State University.

First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Tointon Family Stadium. The game will be televised live on Kansas 22/Metro Sports and is also available on SportsRadio 1350 KMAN.

TRACK AND FIELD

Cats hope to heat the track and field in Arizona

Justin Nutter | COLLEGIAN

If any members of the K-State track and field team are not accustomed to conditions in the Arizona desert, that is about to change.

The Wildcats received a variety of strong performances last weekend at the ASU Invitational in Tempe, Ariz. - the first of two consecutive meets that K-State will travel to in the Grand Canyon State.

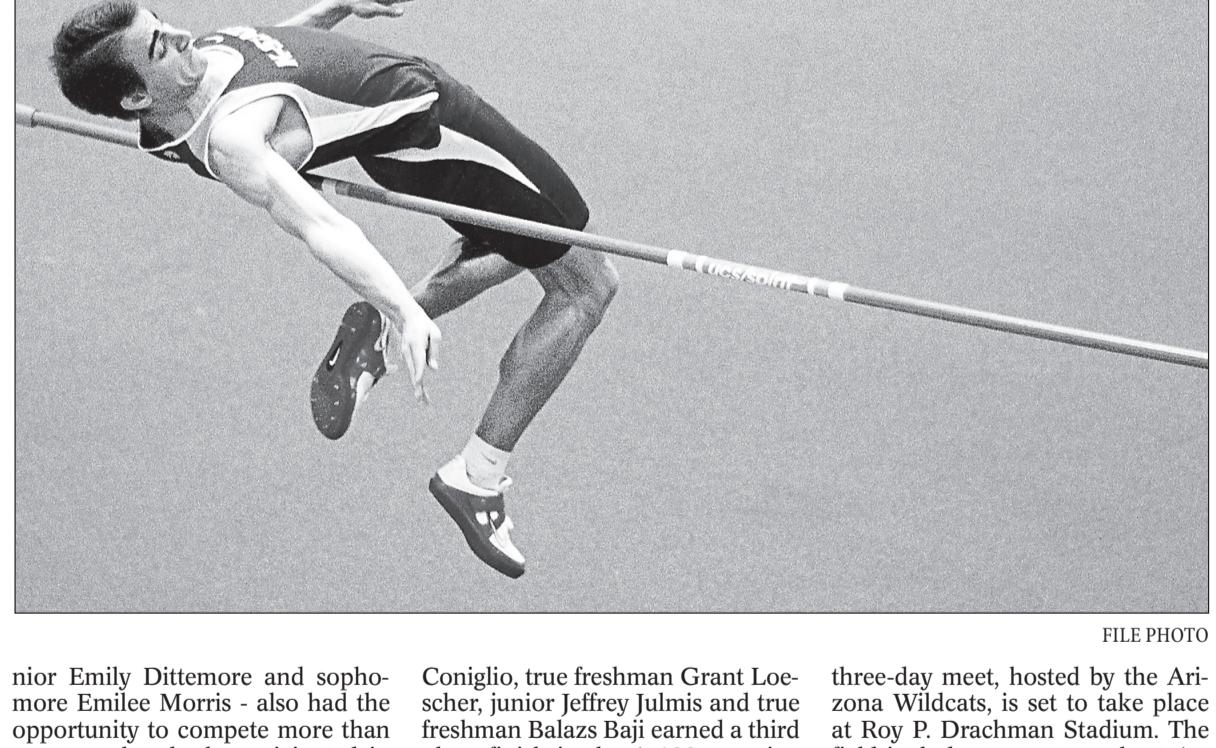
True freshman distance runner Martina Tresch was the story of the meet for the Wildcats, as she captured first place in the women's 5,000 meter. The native of Switzerland, who ranks in the top-15 nationally in the event, finished the race in 16:33.31, which shattered the meet record. Not only did she best the meet record by almost 17 seconds, but her time was also the sixth fastest in school history.

Senior Alyssa Bellinder finished well behind Tresch, but locked up second place with a time of 17:00.01.

Junior hurdler Denis Baker earned K-State's only other top-10 individual finish of the weekend, placing fifth in the women's 1,000 meter hurdles with a time of 13.95 seconds.

Baker became the second Wildcat of the weekend to crack K-State's record book as her time ranks fifth on the all-time chart. She also competed in the 400 meter hurdles, finishing 14th with a time of 1:04.81.

Two other Wildcat women - se-



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nior Emily Dittmore and sophomore Emilee Morris - also had the opportunity to compete more than once, as they both participated in the 800 and 1,500 meters. Dittmore finished 15th and Morris 17th in the 800, and the duo finished the 1,500 meter in 12th and 19th respectively.

None of K-State's male athletes were able to record top-10 performances individually, but the Wildcat men fared well in relay competition. The tandem of junior Jason

Coniglio, true freshman Grant Loecher, junior Jeffrey Julmis and true freshman Balazs Baji earned a third place finish in the 4x100, crossing the finish line in 40.7 seconds.

Sophomore Ben Love replaced Baji for the 4x400 and the group placed eighth with a time of 3:17.35. Baji and Love also competed individually in the 200 meter, finishing 13th and 21st, respectively.

K-State will return to Arizona for the Jim Click Invitational, which begins on Thursday in Tucson. The

three-day meet, hosted by the Arizona Wildcats, is set to take place at Roy P. Drachman Stadium. The field includes tournament host Arizona, California-Berkeley, Big Ten schools Minnesota and Illinois and Big 12 Conference foe Nebraska.

All tournament participants finished the 2009 outdoor campaign ranked in the top-25 in either men's or women's competition. The majority of the competition is set for April 3, starting with the women's hammer throw at 9 a.m.

Weekly Fan Poll - March 30

What was your favorite basketball moment of 2010?

A: Jan. 19 - K-State knocks off No. 1 Texas on ESPN Big Monday

B: Jan. 30 - Wildcat fans break the ESPN College Game-Day attendance record

C: March 7 - Frank Martin agrees to a new contract that runs through 2014-15

D: March 12 - K-State beats Baylor to advance to first ever Big 12 title game

E: March 25 - The Wildcats beat Xavier in 2OT to advance to the Elite Eight

Vote online at kstatecollegian.com and check next Monday's issue for this week's results.

Last week's results:

How will K-State fare in the rest of the tournament?

Loss in the Sweet 16 - 36 votes (4%)

Loss in the Elite Eight - 147 votes (17%)

Loss in the Final Four - 151 votes (17%)

Loss in the title game - 60 votes (7%)

National Champs, Baby! - 484 votes (55%)

Total number of votes: 878



Mayra Rivarola | COLLEGIAN

Trash bags and pop caps were transformed into fancy dresses last night on the green carpet in the K-State Union Ballroom.

Students designed and made their own outfits from recyclable materials. One of the judges was Willie the Wildcat.

The eco-fashion show was organized by the Residence Halls Association, as part of their efforts to raise awareness about recycling and being environmentally friendly.

Kate Welchel, junior in fine arts and winner of the fashion show, wore a dress made up of folded magazine strips.

"I used the lining from an old dress, and that is the base of my outfit," she said. "All of the magazine pieces are from *Vogue*."

The second place went to Amy Parsons, senior in agribusiness. She wore an pink and black wedding outfit made of Wal-Mart bags and trash bags, along with pink reused tulle.

"My dress was inspired by Lady Gaga's fashion," she said. "Everyone loves her style."

Parsons is also part of the energy savings program in the residence halls. Awards were given to the students in the halls who saved the most energy last year, she said.

The halls were split up into two teams. Haymaker, Putman, Goodnow, Van Zile and Ford won first place, saving an average of 9.4 percent.

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Above: The models from the fashion show pose after the show concluded. Seven contestants modeled environment friendly apparel that they custom made.

Left: **Kate Welchel**, junior in fine arts, placed first in the Night on the Green Carpet fashion show. She modeled her dress, which was constructed of clippings from *Vogue* magazine.

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fairy princess," she said. "To hold on to an everlasting winter."

The judges congratulated the participants and both participants and members of the audience received prizes.

"I was really impressed," said Zack Pistora, senior in political science, vice president of Students for Environmental Action and one of the judges of the show. "I was blown away by the creativity of the designs."

Pistora encouraged the students to continue with their efforts to become a more environmentally-friendly society.

Hanging Around



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A K-State student takes advantage of recent nice weather by moving her reading outdoors.



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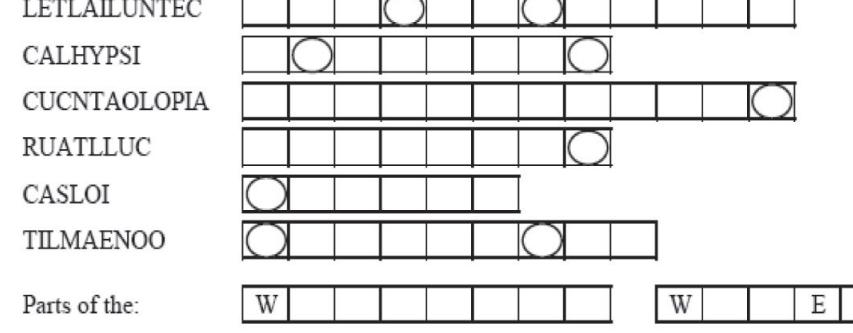
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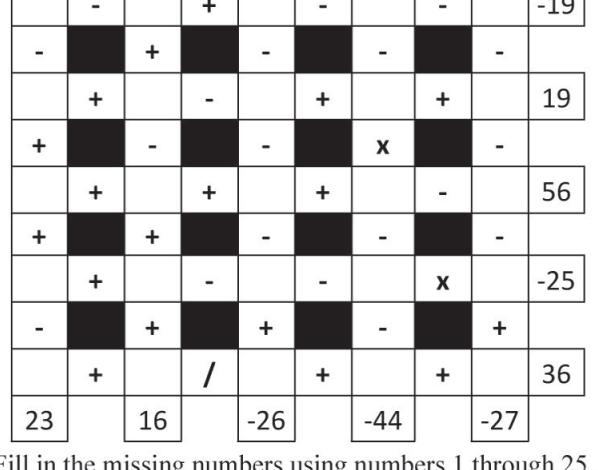
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Library program helps local kids READ with Dogs to improve skills

Bethaney Wallace | COLLEGIAN

For children all over Manhattan, there is a program offered that combines both a love for animals and a love for reading.

Each week Manhattan's Public Library offers an event called READ with Dogs (Reading Education Assistance Dogs), a program that gives children the opportunity to sit and read to a dog. Each child signs in, chooses a book and is given 20 minutes of reading time with a variety of dogs, all of whom are certified by Therapy Dogs International.

The program, which was started about three years ago, began after a volunteer approached the library about bringing in trained dogs, said Jessica Long, children's programming assistant. Although it was started as a trial program, it became so popular that the library began hosting it each week and has now grown to six volunteers and nine dogs.

The dogs, who are also certified to work in nursing homes, are trained by Susan Keller, evaluator for Therapy Dogs International and training director for Manhattan Kennel Club. Keller said each dog must pass a test before becoming certified, which in-

cludes behavior, listening to commands and a "canine good citizen test."

Keller also volunteers for the program with her three dogs: Mocha, Pedro and Poncho.

Another volunteer, Belinda Hunter, got started in the program after her dog Bixby failed a hip X-Ray, which prevented him from becoming a service dog. Hunter heard about READ and got Bixby certified in the program, which they attend two times a month.

At their last visit, Hunter said a boy was reading "Go, Dog. Go!" to Bixby. When he read, "It's time for sleep. The dogs go to sleep," Bixby lay down on the boy's lap.

"He really thought Bixby understood the book," Hunter said. "That makes it fun."

Many of the children who attend do not have pets and are not used to being around them, said Keller.

"The kids really enjoy the dogs, but some of the kids are a little scared," Keller said. "This kind of helps them get over that."

Anita, age 4, said she enjoys participating in READ with Dogs and comes to the program each week.

"I like petting the dogs," Anita

said. "The girl dog."

Another participant, Zianna, age 7, has read to the dogs three times and said she would like to keep coming back. Zianna also said she likes the smaller dogs better after watching the movie "Bolt."

"I like playing with dogs," Zianna said. "I wish I could keep one."

Long said the experience is a positive one for both the children and the dogs.

"It's great for the kids because the dog isn't going to correct them - isn't going to laugh at them, lets them take as long as they need and just sits there and is happy to have the attention," Long said. "It's a motivator. Those who didn't want to read before want to practice. They want to read well for the dogs."

Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Zianna Hollyfield, age 7, reads the book "Mad Dog" to golden retriever Bixby in the Manhattan Public Library Sunday afternoon. Each Sunday at 1 p.m., kids get the chance to practice their reading skills by reading aloud to dogs in the children's area of the public library.



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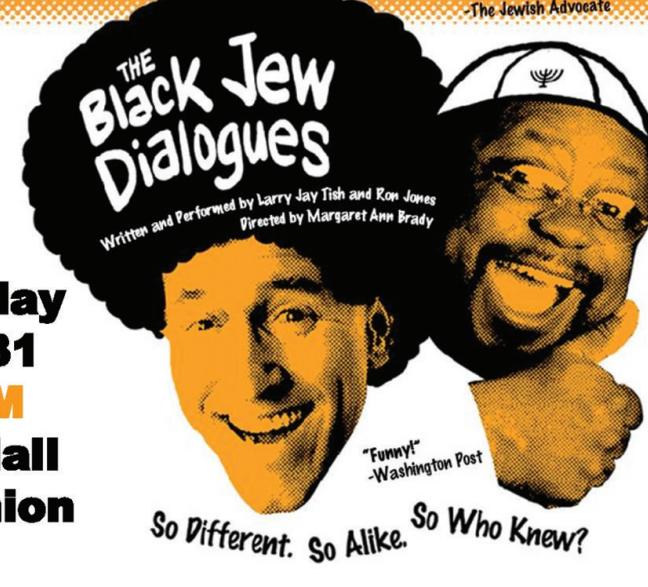
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Comedian discusses life, spending habits



Tim Clue, comedian, performs to an audience of about 35 people in Forum Hall Monday evening. Clue commented frequently on the low attendance for the comedy show.

Carrie Gilliam | COLLEGIAN

Tim Clue, writer and comedian from Chicago, told students in a comedian act last night in Forum Hall he was living the Visa loca.

"I am standing here tonight as what not to do," Clue said.

Clue spoke at Kansas State about financial wellness to help kick off the Wild Wellness Week sponsored by K-State Healthy Decisions. Clue has opened shows for Jerry Seinfeld and Steven Wright.

"It's not easy anymore and I did not manage my money up front," Clue said.

He continued by telling his journey of getting into debt.

"I am a sucker for late night infomercials. My favorite thing I bought was the kitty litter box that scoops by itself," he said. "I don't even have a cat."

Clue said he was not going to be able to pay his credit card bills back when he sat down to do his budget.

Clue said he has debt collectors threaten to take everything he has. He tells

them he owns none of it because he paid with money he never had.

"I'm not going to pay it off. What are they going to do, sue me?" he said. "Put it on the Visa."

Clue also made the joke, why would he pay it off when he could pass something on to his family that money can't buy? And that is debt.

Clue said his kids will look back and remember him by saying, "Remember Dad? He was cheap."

"You have to bounce back, learn and move on," he said, with a more serious tone.

Bad credit is better than no credit; it says you took a shot and it did not work out the way you wanted. The absence of credit says you never even tried, he said. The generation moving into the work force will be a major course correction for the economy.

"It is up to you for this change, go for it," Clue said. "Have fun and do things you can learn from."

Bethany Olsen, junior in life science, said she enjoyed Clue's facial expressions

and how he could make fun of his mistakes.

"Part of college is experiencing things so you can tell your kids you didn't lead a boring life," Olsen said.

Clue told the audience an experience he had with a credit card company right before the economy crashed. Clue said the company asked if he would like to switch his debt from one card to another. After he switched the company called him and asked when he was going to start paying it off.

Clue told the company, "You are Discover and guess what you just discovered?"

Clue added that he and Discover are in it together because both of their names are on the card.

Hobie Parker, a junior in kinesiology, said he enjoyed Clue's act because he talked about getting a wide range of experience and not just sticking with one path in college.

Clue ended his act by saying, "If life was just handed it to you, what fun is that?"

Shot Stop charity for Alzheimer's Assc.

Lauren Garrison | COLLEGIAN

Recently, Aggierville's Shot Stop began a fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association. Patrons can pay to have their name placed next to the shot of their choice on the bar's wall.

Shot Stop, as the name suggests, is well-known for the bar's variety of shots. The names of the bar's specialty shots are written on a blackboard behind the bar and they are placed under different categories, including, "Value Menu," "Top Taste," "Top Shots 2009" and "Bombs."

Every semester, the categories and the shots are changed on the blackboard. All the money raised that semester by people who paid to add their name to the blackboard is then donated to the Alzheimer's Association.

Robert Cillesen, manager at Shot Stop and senior in finance, said each Monday a store employee adds the names of the patrons who donated throughout the previous week to the wall.

"There were about 20 names for the first few Mondays," Cillesen said.

Cillesen said Shot Stop management decided to start the fundraiser because they figured people would want to put their names on the board.

"It's just something nice to do," Cillesen said. "We could've kept the money, but it's good to give back, ya know?"

Patrons who wish to put their name next to a shot must fill out a slip which is printed at the bar's register. They write down their name, address and e-mail, and also add the name of the shot they want to claim.

The cost to add a name to the blackboard is \$10. At the end of the semester, when the shots on the blackboard are changed, the donated money is collected and then Shot Stop matches the patrons' donations.

"I haven't donated to have my name on the board yet," said John Rees, senior in accounting and finance. "But it's really a great thing that they are doing."

Cillesen said when the bar began accepting donations for putting patron's names on the blackboard, there were some problems with people paying to add friends' particularly ex-girlfriends' or ex-boyfriends' names next to the bar's more vulgar or sexually suggestive shots.

"We have a 'No Ex's Allowed' sign now," Cillesen said.

Additional restrictions include that the bartender is required to check the patron's driver's license - or a picture ID - to prove the patron's name matches the name to be added.

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